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Ms. Catherine L. Glidden
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SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION - IDENTIFICATION/EVALUATION

Project: 080515042F - Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River Basin
Expansion Project Corridor - Huron Yard Locale (Project No. SD3D)
Location: Beadle County
(STB)

Dear Ms. Glidden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is currently unable to comment on the effect of your proposed undertaking on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On May 15, 2008, we received your letter and the survey report entitled "A Level III Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Huron Yard Locale, Beadle County, South Dakota," prepared by Archeology Laboratory, Augustana College. Based on the information provided in the report we do not concur with the determination of non-contributing for site 39BE2003. Please explain if the railroad grade is intact and if the context "South Dakota's Railroads" was used to assess the eligibility of this site. Finally, explain how the proposed project will impact this site.

Should you require additional information, please contact Paige Hoskinson Olson, Review and Compliance Coordinator, at (605) 773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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